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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDEATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111 AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Hon. Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Commissioner:

This is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on November 27, 2001, to which a response was due on February 27, 2002.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of one- month to and including March 27, 2002 in which to respond to the Official Communication

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